



## TOP 10 WATER REDUCTION TIPS

1. Your water meter is an important conservation tool. It not only measures the amount of water you use, but can also tell you if there is a leak in your plumbing.
2. Purchase a front-load washing machine that uses 40% less water. Check with your local water provider for rebates.
3. Don't let water run while shaving, brushing teeth or rinsing dishes.
4. Sweep debris away from your driveway or decked areas.
5. Use a bucket and a hose with an automatic shut-off nozzle when you wash your car, or take your car to a car wash that recycles water.
6. Cover your swimming pool to cut evaporation loss. Postpone any non-essential pool repairs if they require draining and refilling of the pool.
7. Inspect your sprinkler systems. Even at a glance, sprinkler problems may be discovered.
8. Water early in the morning, avoid watering during the heat of the day when water evaporates more quickly, or when it's windy. Set automatic timers to water before 6 a.m. or after 9 p.m.
9. Defer new landscape planting until fall when planting conditions are more favorable.
10. Water your lawn in 2 short cycles rather than one long cycle. By splitting your watering time in half and by repeating it again about one hour later, you will reduce water runoff and water more deeply, which encourages deeper, healthier root development. It also allows the turf to go without water for longer periods of time.

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### In the house:

- Fix leaks promptly.
- Install free low-flow showerheads and faucet aerators.
- Replace high-water-using toilets with new high-efficiency toilet, which flushes at 1.28 gallons per flush or less. Check with your local water provider for rebates.
- Purchase a front-load washing machine that uses 40% less water. Check with your local water provider for rebates.
- Don't let water run while shaving, brushing teeth or rinsing dishes.
- Only run the dishwasher with full loads.
- To find out more about saving water at home contact your local water provider.

**In general for homes:**

- Sweep away debris. Don't hose down paved or decked areas.
- Use a bucket and a hose with an automatic shut-off nozzle when you wash your car, or take your car to a car wash that recycles water.
- Cover your swimming pool to cut evaporation loss. Postpone any non-essential pool repairs if they require draining and refilling of the pool.

**In the garden:**

- Water early in the morning, avoid watering during the heat of the day when water evaporates more quickly, or when it's windy. Set automatic timers to water before 6 a.m. or after 9 p.m.
- Reduce your irrigation system run times by lowering the minutes per cycle or reducing the days per week the system runs.
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- Write down your irrigation schedule and keep it handy.
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- Install a drip irrigation system for shrubs, vegetable gardens, flower beds, or pots and save up to 50% in outside water use. It's easy, inexpensive and an efficient way to water.
- Defer new landscape planting until fall when planting conditions are more favorable.
- Apply two inches of mulch around the base of plants to retain moisture and prevent evaporation.
- Don't spoil your plants. Too much watering may "train" your plants to require more irrigation than is necessary.
- Don't mow too low. Keep lawns two to three inches high to prevent them from drying out too quickly.